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METHOD USING RFID TAGS)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Date: September 25, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2003, the Applicant, through undersigned counsel, hereby elects Group I, claims 1-10, drawn to a system, classified in class 705, subclass 27. This election is made *without traverse*. Also, please add claims 12 and 13, which are submitted herewith under a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment.

In view of the foregoing election without traverse, the Examiner is respectfully requested to take up this application for examination at the earliest convenience.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (114944-00106).

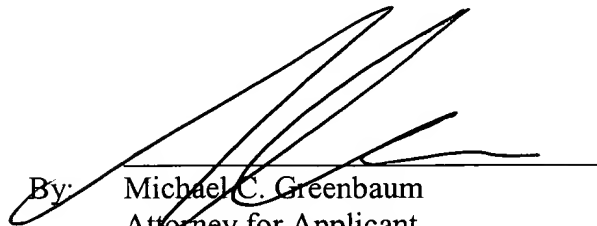
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extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

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